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Docket No.: 60043(71073)
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In re Patent Application of:
Harald Schmidt

Application No.: 10/681,065

Confirmation No.: 8618

Filed: October 8, 2003

Art Unit: 1722

For: HOT RUNNER FOR MOLDING SMALL
PLASTIC ARTICLES

Examiner: Timothy W. Heitbrink

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(C)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Copies of those prior art references listed which are not U.S. patents or published U.S. patent applications are provided herewith together with a brief

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explanation in English of the references listed which are not in the English language. With respect to listed EP 0955 146, this German language patent is believed to correspond to the listed U.S. Patent No. 6,403,010 to Ganz et al. The original Information Disclosure Statement inadvertently listed U.S. Patent No., 6,403,610 due to a typographical error. The applicant's attorneys intended to list U.S. Patent No. 6,403,010. It is requested that these prior art references be considered, made of record in the prosecution history of this application, and appear among the references cited on any patent to issue from this application.

Applicant has not submitted copies of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i), amended October 2004, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has waived this requirement for all U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign and non-patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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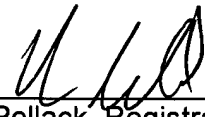
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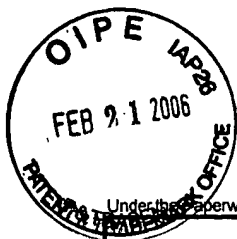
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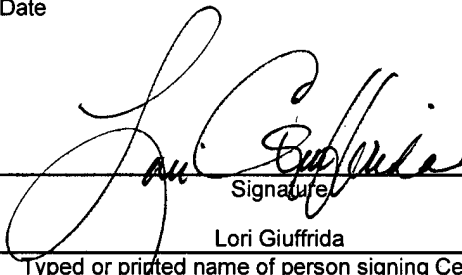
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